

1 AN ACT concerning violence prevention.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Violence Prevention Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Violence Prevention Task Force; members.

7 (a) There is created the Violence Prevention Task Force
8 (hereinafter referred to as the Task Force) consisting of 6
9 members appointed as follows:

10 (1) one member of the Senate appointed by the
11 President of the Senate;

12 (2) one member of the Senate appointed by the
13 Minority Leader of the Senate;

14 (3) one member of the House of Representatives
15 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives;

17 (4) one member of the House of Representatives
18 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
19 Representatives; and

20 (5) 2 members appointed by the Governor one of whom
21 shall be designated the chairperson by the Governor.

22 (b) The members of the Task Force shall serve without
23 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and

1 necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose.

2 (c) The Task Force may employ skilled experts with the
3 approval of the chairperson, and shall receive the cooperation
4 of those State agencies it deems appropriate to assist the Task
5 Force in carrying out its duties.

6 (d) The Illinois African American Family Commission, the
7 Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Illinois Latino
8 Family Commission shall provide administrative and other
9 support to the Task Force.

10 Section 10. Violence Prevention Task Force; duties. The
11 Task Force shall have the following duties:

12 (1) to increase awareness of resources, jobs, and
13 opportunities to prevent violence in this State;

14 (2) to assist violence prevention groups, religious
15 institutions, social lodges, community groups, block clubs,
16 and other groups in providing safe havens for children, youth,
17 young adults, and seniors;

18 (3) to create, develop, and implement recreational,
19 social, and educational initiatives for at-risk youth;

20 (4) to organize community mental health providers in
21 at-risk communities;

22 (5) to provide State resources to public schools to assist
23 with behavioral health; and

24 (6) to assist in providing jobs, resources, and
25 opportunities for at-risk youth so as to prevent them from

1 committing crimes.

2 Section 15. Report to the Governor and General Assembly.
3 The Task Force shall report to the Governor and the General
4 Assembly, by December 1 of each year, its activities for the
5 previous year.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.